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Dear Parent/Carer

When the School Council asked last summer for more themed days or weeks, we responded by setting up a programme of these across the year, covering as many areas of learning as possible. It got off to a gentle start in the autumn term and the momentum has definitely grown this term. We have had so many inspirational visitors, memorable experiences and moments of awe and wonder, we are quite exhausted, but also enriched. Particular highlights have been: a brilliant teacher of Chinese dance who got the best out of all year groups; numerous random acts of kindness during Feeling Good Week; lots of noise and mess during the rocket workshops on Science Day; exciting trips to Legoland, The Swan Theatre in High Wycombe, College Lake in Tring, and a fantastic Victorian Day, when visitors from the Dacorum Heritage Trust taught us about the history of our school. I should also mention possibly the most relaxing World Book Day ever – wearing PJs all day might have had something to do with that!

On the staffing front, there have been some changes this term: our new teachers – Mrs Edis in Cedar and Mrs Sargeant in Acorn – are very well settled and playing an active part in our school's life. We are delighted to announce that Mrs Lemming gave birth to a baby girl on 19 March. Reception parents will have noticed the absence of Miss Hockenhull since October half term. She has been quite unwell but is being well looked after by her doctors and we hope she will be able to return to work soon. In the meantime, Mrs Cummins and Miss Dewick have been welcome additions to the lunchtime team and Mrs Allen has been providing invaluable cover in Reception in the afternoons.

I have shown lots of prospective parents around the school since Christmas and many have noticed the strong sense of family and community that exists here. We are really proud of this and grateful to all of you for helping us create it. Our friends at St Peter's continue to enhance the children's spiritual development, helping us reinforce the term's values of Perseverance and Justice through uplifting acts of worship at school and in the church; the VSA too, provides on-going support through its fabulous fund-raising events, which also serve the purpose of bringing the school community together.

There are still two such events to look forward to before the end of term: The Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday from 3:00pm – 4:00pm and a joint end of term service with Thomas Coram at St Peter's on Thursday at 1:45pm. I cannot think of a better way to mark both the approaching major Christian festival and the first birthday of the Castle Federation. I hope many of you will be able to join us as we celebrate both.

Happy Easter!

Caroline Crozier
Head of School